modification of international terminal building, reconstruction of taxi track, reconstruction of bays number 1 and 2 and strengthening of bays number 10,13,15 and 17.

Improvement of Rajahmundry Airport

4047. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1369 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd December, 2002 and state:

(a) whether other nearby airports like Rajahmundry will also be improved; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) and (b) The runway has been strengthened and new apron and taxiway have been constructed in April, 2002 at Rajahmundry airport for operation of ATR-72 type of aircraft.

Acceptance of Cash Deposits from Credit Card Holders

4048. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO :

SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO :

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the State Bank of India does not accept cash deposits from the credit card holders as is being done by other banks in the metropolitan cities and insists on payments by cheques;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not providing credit card holders the facility of making cash payments for deposits;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce such a facility in the State Bank of India to credit card holders; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State Bank of India (SBI) has reported that the credit cards are issued by SBI Cards and Payment Services Private Limited (SBICPSL), registered NBFC, a Joint Venture with GE USA and is a separate entity. They have not made